

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/AU2004/001470

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: A61H 9/00, 33/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI IPC A61H, A47K 3/- & keywords: massage, treatment, therapy, liquid, fluid, reservoir, vessel, tank, cavity, extremity, limb, foot, feet and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3977396 A (CARTIER) 31 August 1976	1-5, 7-15,
Y	See figures 1-2, abstract, Column 1 lines 5-15, 22-24, 56-60	17-28
	See figures 1-2	16
X	US 4648392 A (CARTIER et al.) 10 March 1987	1-5, 7-13,
Y	See figures 1-2, abstract, Column 1 lines 6-10, 50-65; Column 4 lines 53-66	17-28
	See figures 1-2	16
X	FR 2724111 A (BOUCHET) 8 March 1996	1-5, 7-13,
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